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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO AFC PORTCHESTER

A very warm welcome to AFC Portchester for tonight's game in the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division.

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors South Park Reigate - welcome to the players, officials and supporters of tonight's visiting team and also to the match officials.

The Royals family is a close organisation, whether you are a player, member of the coaching staff, member of staff, volunteer or one of the Arancione.

Once you become part of the group you always remain a Royal – whether you are here long term or depart for pastures new. The spirit and unity of the club is strong and it is something that never leaves you.

Our supporters are the lifeblood of the club - their passion, commitment, backing and pride is unrivalled.

It is always sad when we lose one of the Royals family - it is a loss which is felt by everyone within our close knit group.

That proved to be the case once again when news reached the club last week that one of our supporters, Paul Davidson, passed away suddenly at the age of 71.

The comments in response to the news when it was posted out online show just how loved and respected Paul was by so many people around the club.

Supporters have been an integral part of our



success in recent seasons and like many, Paul found the Royals when we stood out to him in the non-league scene.

So many people have come together from different walks of life to be a part of the AFC Portchester story, and Paul's passion and dedication to following the club was an inspiration to so many of us.

The players wore black arm bands during Saturday's game at Hanworth Villa and they will do so again this evening as a mark of respect.

Shortly before kick-off this evening we will be holding a minute's applause as we all fondly remember Paul and give thanks for his wonderful support of this football club. RIP Paul.

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REPORT: CRUEL ENDING TO A MEMORABLE FA TROPHY RUN

AFC Portchester's Isuzu FA Trophy journey was ended in the cruelest of fashions at Wimborne Town.

The Royals had more than matched their Step 3 hosts in a game of few chances and the better opportunities to score had gone their way.

But as the match looked to be heading towards a penalty shoot-out to decide who would go through to the Second Round, Wimborne snatched the only goal of the game in the second minute of injury time.

Another strong performance by the Royals deserved more than the cruel finale they got and there wouldn't have been many complaints had they converted one of their chances and left Dorset with the win.

The first one came on five minutes as Josh Clack hit the ball low across the six yard box from the right but it was missed by both attackers and defenders.

Four minutes later Clack got in behind the home defence and took the ball towards goal but he put his shot well over the target.

At the other end Lewis Williams managed to get clear of his marker on the left and after cutting inside he hit a low shot which keeper Steven Mowthorpe watched go wide of his near post.

A high ball forwards then dropped nicely for Lee Wort and after his shot was blocked the rebound ran to Tommy Scutt but he put his effort wide from 25 yards out.

On 19 minutes Clack's cross from the right was partially cleared by the home defence only as far as Alfie Stanley but he put his shot on the turn straight at keeper Cameron Plain.

Three minutes before half time Wimborne won a free kick in a dangerous position on the edge of the box but Williams curled his effort just over the bar.

Chances became even more scarce in the second half as both sides looked relatively comfortable but without having that goalscoring edge in the final third of the field.

On 50 minutes a corner from the right found Jack Lee but he put his header over. The next chance of note didn't come until the 85th minute – a pass across the penalty area



found substitute Zack Willett on the right, who cut inside but his shot lacked the power to trouble Plain, who made an easy save.

As the clock ticked on to 90 minutes another corner, this time from the left, picked out Lee but his glancing header from close range went agonisingly wide.

The home side then got the break they needed to score the winner. Wimborne won the header in midfield from a long ball forwards and that knocked the ball on to substitute Max Bustamante.

He had the space to race forwards into the right hand side of the box before hitting a low shot across Mowthorpe and it found the far corner of the net.

The Royals almost sent the tie to a penalty shoot-out in the sixth minute of injury time when Conor Bailey lofted the ball up to the far post and Harrison Brook's goal-bound header had to be tipped over the bar acrobatically by Plain.



AFC PORTCHESTER HONOURS

FIRST TEAM

Hampshire Senior Cup Winners - 2023-24

Runners-up - 2024-25

Wessex League Premier Division Winners - 2024-25

Wessex League Premier Division Promotion Play Off Semi Finalists - 2023-24

Wessex League Division 1 Runners-up - 2011-12

Wessex League Cup Winners -2014-15, 2017-18, 2024-25. Runners-up - 2023-24

Wessex League Charity Cup Winners - 2023-24, 2025-26

Russell Cotes Cup Winners – 2013-14, 2016-17, 2024-25

Portsmouth Senior Cup Winners - 2024-25. Runners-up - 2017-18 Hampshire League Division 2 Runners-up - 1999-2000

Division 1 Winners - 2001-02

Portsmouth and District League Runners-up - 1997-98

RESERVES

Hampshire Intermediate Cup Winners – 2011-12

Wyvern League Premier Division Winners – 2014-15, 2015-16

Wyvern League East Division Runners-up - 2011-12

LADIES

Southern Region Women's League Division 1 South Winners - 2023-24

Hampshire County Women's League Division 3 Winners -

2015-16, 2020-21

Division 2 Runners-up - 2016-17, 2021-22

Division 1 Winners - 2022-23

Hampshire County Women's League Invitation Cup Winners - 2021-22

Hampshire FA Women's Junior Cup Winners - 2015-16

Hampshire FA Women's Trophy Winners – 2021-22

PDFA Women's Senior Cup Runners-up - 2023-24

Reserves – Hampshire County Women's League Division 2 Winners – 2024–25

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For managers, it's an extra three minutes to deliver the finishing touches to your pre-match team talk. For fans, it's a chance to grab a quick coffee or spend in the warmth of the clubhouse bar.

Three minutes. One hundred and eighty seconds. It doesn't sound a lot, but it could make all the difference to the National League's 3UP campaign as it continues to ramp up pressure on the EFL to finally put a third promotion spot into League 2 on the agenda.

On Saturday over 200 clubs from Steps 1 to 4 kicked-off their matches at 3.03pm to raise awareness on the issue.

National League chiefs and clubs have been pushing for an extra promotion place for a number of years to align with the rest of the English pyramid.

But while the EFL acknowledge it should be up for debate, the matter is yet to be officially brought to the table despite chairman Rick Parry's promise to "look downwards as well as upwards".

A recent Football Supporters' Association poll revealed 93 per cent of all supporters support the move, while 83 per cent of fans of EFL clubs are in favour.

But Football League chiefs say any deal would have to form part of any funding agreement with the Premier League so with the two bodies at a stalemate amid the wait for the incoming Independent Football Regulator, National League chiefs have decided to up the stakes amid fears it could be years before EFL clubs vote on any changes.

National League vice chairman and chair of the 3UP steering committee, Steve Thompson, said: "The games kicking off at 3.03pm is really going to shine a spotlight on it. We've got MPs from all over the country going to these games.

"It's not just the 12 National League games. While National League North and South aren't playing league games because it's FA Trophy, the Trident Leagues are also supporting it. That's fantastic.

"The whole football family at non-league level sees how important it is."

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has formally "recognised" that 3UP's ambitions tie-in with the football regulator's objectives with a Backbench Business Debate planned later this month, as well as two supportive Early Day Motions.

"I was blown away," Thompson said of the political support received. "So many MPs are season ticket holders at their local club.

"They realise how much their clubs do in their community. They realise how much the owners and chairs of those clubs do in the community.

"The fear is if you have this bottleneck and owners don't think there is a realistic chance of being promoted they will walk away.

"You need that competitiveness. It creates a healthy eco-system in football and that's what we face losing. The EFL say they've got to look down as well as up. Well, look down a bit more."

History shows there is no competitive imbalance between the National League and League 2.

No club has ever been relegated back into non-league the season after they won promotion, while Luton Town went through to the Premier League and others, including Yeovil Town, Doncaster, Burton Albion and Wrexham, have reached the Championship.

"There's over 30 clubs in the EFL that have been in the National League at some stage or another," Thompson added.

"There's Wrexham now in the Championship. There are 19 League 2 clubs that have been in National League. Half of the National League have been in the EFL.

"There's nothing to fear but there is this bottleneck."

BY JON COUCH



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NEWS

MCCANN RETURNS TO LEAGUE

St Albans City have brought in a new manager - and he is a rather familiar face.

A big welcome back to the Pitching In Isthmian League goes to Gary McCann, who took Billericay Town to within one goal of the title last season.

Gary took over at New Lodge at the end of the 2022-23 campaign, but surprisingly departed the club in September.

He previously spent 13 years at Hendon, both as a player and a manager, and was also in charge at National League South side Hampton and Richmond Borough for two seasons in between the Greens and the Blues.

He replaces Ian Culverhouse, who left the club at the end of last month.

MAXWELL LEAVES SITTINGBOURNE

Following Saturday's FA Trophy shoot-out defeat at Ebsfleet United, Sittingbourne boss Ryan Maxwell announced his departure from the club.

Maxwell took over in January 2023 with the Brickies in dire straits at the bottom end of Pitching In Isthmian South East, and steered them on a remarkable run to safety.

They eventually ended the campaign in 11th place – 13 points clear of the bottom four and at one point delivered a 12 match unbeaten run.

They suffered only three defeats under his leadership during that particular season - against play-off qualifiers Beckenham Town and Hythe Town, and on the final day of the campaign against Lancing.

The 2023-24 campaign saw him take his side to third place, losing in the play-off semi final against Three Bridges, and 2024-25 saw the Brickies finish second, amass more than 100 points, and reach the play-off final - as well as reaching the quarter finals of the FA Trophy.

Prior to joining the Brickies, Ryan steered Braintree Town to National League South safety for two successive seasons. He was previously in charge at Walthamstow.

He turned out for a number of clubs during his playing career, including Grays Athletic, Margate, Bishop's Stortford, Tonbridge Angels, Billericay Town, Whyteleafe, Heybridge Swifts and Witham Town. He also played in Scotland for Hamilton

Academicals and Raith Rovers.

He also played youth football at Chelsea and Crystal Palace.

MUREFU SIGNS FROM CAMBRIDGE

Cheshunt have announced the loan signing of Jamie Murefu from Cambridge United.

He signed on as a first year scholar with United at the end of April and this will be his first experience of senior football.

A full back, and from Harlow, he has been with the club since he joined the academy as an under-13 player.

CADMAN SIGNS FOR LITTLEHAMPTON

Littlehampton Town is the latest stop for experienced defender Tom Cadman.

Tom makes a move from East Grinstead Town, were he made nine appearances this season, 29 last season, and 21 during 2023-24.

He signed for the Wasps after a short time at Whitehawk, and moved to the Hawks from Haywards Heath Town, where he signed on before the 2020-21 season.

He went on to make 39 appearances as his side marched to the play-off semi finals in 2021-22. He played another 30 times during 2022-23.

Prior to his time with Heath, Tom was with Burgess Hill Town. He has also turned out for Worthing, Bognor Regis Town, East Grinstead Town and Whitehawk, the latter for whom he also played briefly during the 2017-18 campaign.

He started his career with Brighton and Hove Albion

LOAN MOVE FOR ANTHONY

VCD Athletic have signed Elijah Anthony on Ioan from Ebbsfleet United. He has made half a dozen appearances for Fleet this season.

Full back Elijah came through the academy at Queens Park Rangers and played right through until under-21 level before a departure in the summer of 2023.

He moved on to play for Beaconsfield Town, after spending some time at the end of the 2022-23 campaign on loan at Waltham Abbey, and he played 15 times for Uxbridge in the closing stages of the 2023-24 Pitching In Isthmian South Central season, scoring three goals.

He went on trial at Ebbsfleet United in the summer of 2024 before signing a deal, and had a loan spell at Chatham Town last season, playing only once.

He then had another loan spell at Croydon Athletic, playing five times and scoring once.



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TRIBUTES PAID TO ULTIMATE SPORTS FAN AND ARANCIONE

Everyone at AFC Portchester is saddened to hear of the sudden death of supporter Paul Davidson.

One of the most dedicated Arancione, he passed away suddenly last week at the age of 71.

He is pictured (above on the right) with his friend of nearly half a century Brian Bigwood (left) enjoying a Portchester away day.

Our condolences go to Paul's family and friends at this sad time. Brian has written the following tribute:

Born in West London, Paul was the ultimate sports fanatic, a dedicated supporter of Queens Park Rangers and Harrow Borough plus following speedway, cricket and basketball with the same fervour, which meant to him being there and not just watching on TV.

Sport also gave him the excuse to travel – there were few countries in Europe he had not been to with a view to seeing a sporting event of some kind. He also went to cricket in the West Indies and Australia, two trips to Africa for the Cup of Nations and travelled extensively to North America for baseball, hockey, basketball and the

He also found the time to write two self-

NFI.

published books, one documenting his trips around Europe following the London Towers basketball team and the other a fiction about a non-league ground hopper.

After moving down to Bognor Regis, he wanted to find a non-league club to commit to and after a brief dalliance with Pagham, he found AFC Portchester by accident.

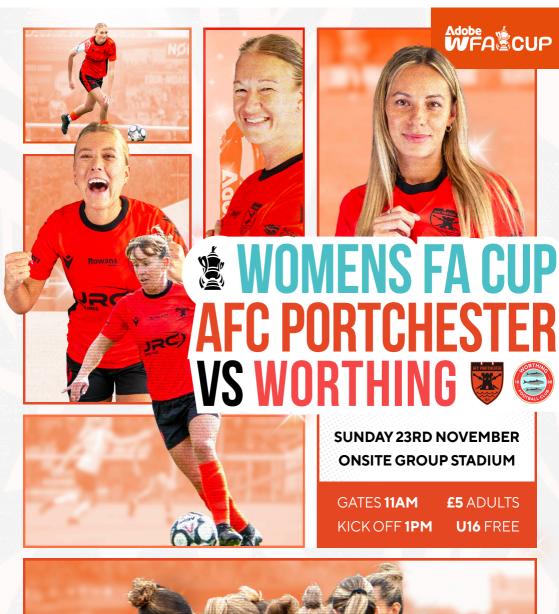
He was won over by a warm welcome from chairman Paul Kelly, the dazzling orange of the kit and the flowing football on the pitch.

It has only been four years but he missed only a handful of games home and away in that period, despite not being in the best of health.

After suffering those heart-breaking end of season defeats at Bemerton in 2023 and Shaftesbury in 2024, it was fantastic that as part of the Arancione, he enjoyed the unbelievable 2024-25 season and especially that wonderful night at Cowes last April.

Paul loved being welcomed into the Portchy family and these last few years have been so much fun for him.

Paul leaves his wife Carol and myself – his heart broken friend of near 50 years and fellow Arancione forever.





FIRST TEAM STATS 25-26

APPEARANCES

APPEARAINGES	
PLAYER	GAMES
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	26 (1)
ARCHIE WILLCOX	26
CONOR BAILEY	24 (2)
ALFIE STANLEY	23 (5)
JACK LEE	23
STEVEN MOWTHORPE	23
LEE WORT	20 (7)
CALVIN DAVIES	19 (1)
TOMMY SCUTT	16
MARLEY RIDGE	15 (13)
JAMES COWAN	14 (8)
ROBTAW	14 (7)
ZACK WILLETT	12 (7)
CONNOR DUFFIN	8 (18)
JOSH CLACK	7 (7)
RYAN WILKINS	6 (2)
OLLYSEARLE	5 (6)
RYAN PENNERY	5
CAMERON SCOTT	5
SPENCER SPURWAY	5
BRETT PITMAN	4 (3)
HARRISON BROOK	3 (10)
MAX SMITH	2 (6)
ASH HOWES	1 (5)
CADE DYER	1(3)
OWEN PELHAM	1 (1)
KANE O'KEEFE	1





GOALS

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PLAYER	GOALS
LEE WORT	12
ALFIE STANLEY	9
CONNOR DUFFIN	6
ZACK WILLETT	5
BRETT PITMAN	4
JOSH CLACK	2
JACK LEE	2
RYAN PENNERY	2
TOMMY SCUTT	2
MARLEY RIDGE	1
SPENCER SPURWAY	1
RYAN WILKINS	1
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	1



TONIGHT'S FIXTURES/TABLE

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Dulwich Hamlet v Cray Valley PM

NORTH DIVISION

Concord Rangers v Lowestoft Town

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

AFC Portchester v South Park (Reigate) Harrow Borough v Hanworth Villa

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

AFC Croydon Athletic v Hassocks Crowborough Athletic v Sittingbourne

VELOCITY LEAGUE CUP - THIRD ROUND

Ascot United v Egham Town
Burgess Hill Town v AFC Whyteleafe
Chatham Town v Erith Town
Ramsgate v Ashford United
St Albans City v Cheshunt
Walthamstow v Wingate and Finchley
Welling United v Folkestone Invicta

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE - SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

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Leatherhead	16	13	2	1	41	+24
Westfield	17	13	1	3	40	+25
Hanworth Villa	17	9	4	4	31	+17
Moneyfields	17	9	3	5	30	+6
Hayes & Yeading	16	9	3	4	30	+4
Raynes Park Vale	19	8	5	6	29	+9
Hartley Wintney	16	7	5	4	26	+4
Egham Town	17	6	6	5	24	0
South Park R'gate	18	7	3	8	24	-3
Bognor Regis Tn	17	7	2	8	23	-2
Harrow Borough	14	7	2	5	23	-3
Ascot United	15	7	0	8	21	+1
Met Police	16	6	3	7	21	-7
Littlehampton T	16	6	3	7	21	-9
THE ROYALS	16	6	2	8	20	+2
Bedfont Sports	17	4	6	7	18	-8
Hendon	16	4	5	7	17	-1
Southall	16	4	5	7	17	-2
Kingstonian	16	5	2	9	17	-5
Binfield	17	4	2	11	14	-18
Horndean	18	2	6	10	12	-17
Fareham Town	17	2	4	11	10	-17

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE RESPECT STATEMENT

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identity or expression, will not be tolerated and will be reported to the relevant authorities. The Isthmian League and our Member Clubs are committed to promoting equity and equality by treating all people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of our communities."

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS SOUTH PARK REIGATE



MIXED RESULTS FOR VISITORS

Such is the way at present in the South Central Division, South Park Reigate have had the ups and downs of the 'anyone can beat anyone' pattern forming in the division so far.

The visitors to The OnSite Group Stadium tonight currently sit in ninth place in the table – four points and six places above Portchester.

Like most of the teams currently occupying the mid-table region, South Park Reigate have a mixed record with seven wins, three draws and eight defeats so far this campaign.

November so far has seen them beat Raynes Park Vale 3-2 and hold Hanworth Villa to a 1-1 draw. On Saturday they lost 4-2 at Moneyfields and last Tuesday night they were beaten by leaders Leatherhead 2-0.

After a setback to Egham at the start of October, they ended the month with three wins in a row against Littlehampton, Met Police and Bedfont Sports.

September brought them only one league win at home to Binfield, while August saw them beat Hayes and Yeading and Hendon but it brought them defeats against

Leatherhead and Westfield.

South Park Football Club was formed in 1897 and immediately became founder members of the Redhill and District Football League, along with other local clubs Godstone, Meadvale and Reigate Priory Reserves. The club remain members of the league today.

Although the facilities were basic, the early matches were played in the original sports field which was in upper South Park between Crescent Road and Church Road.

In 1925, under the direction of Canon Gregory from the local church, the football club together with the village cricket club formed the South Park Sports Association with the aim of the association to provide sport and sporting facilities for the people of South Park.

Within a few years it was realised that this new concept would be better served by an improvement in facilities and playing conditions.

Fortunately for both club's suitable land existed in Whitehall Lane, the club's current home, and with the co-operation of the public spirited landowner Harold Swannack, four acres of ground were purchased there.

Always strapped for cash in these early years, the money was raised for the field largely by public subscription, which included door to door collections.

In order to preserve the land as a permanent sports ground, great foresight was exercised in vesting the land and subsequent purchases of further lots of two acres and four acres making ten acres in all in the National Playing Fields Association, now known as Fields In Trust.

The land became known as the 'King Georges Field' from 1935. The changing rooms were located on the far side of the field from Whitehall Lane at the bottom of the number two football pitch.

Although the facilities were an improvement on their previous home they remained basic.

The football club flourished in the years leading up to the Second World War but declined during and immediately after it.

A handful of stewards rallied to the cause however and quickly resurrected the club's fortunes. One legacy of the hostilities, the air raid shelter, became the focus of attention when it became clear that further improvements were needed to the facilities if sporting aspirations were to be advanced.

A shower room and toilet block and a modest clubhouse were attached to this building.

Funding for this was achieved through the tireless efforts of the Friends of South Park Sports Association.

Despite these commendable efforts, the association lived for many years on a hand to mouth basis with the management all too frequently having to put their hands into their own pockets to ensure its survival.

During this period the playing side of the football club flourished with numerous honours won in the local leagues and cups, together with appearances in county cup finals.

The club were also honoured in the fact that a number of players progressed to senior football with clubs such as Redhill and Eastbourne Town in the 1950s and 1960s, the heyday of non-league football.

The 1970s and 1980s brought further improvements to the changing facilities and clubroom and the purchase of the land that is now the club's main pitch were made.

In the early 1970s the football club started a junior section. Over the years the number of teams has increased on a regular basis and today there are boys teams from under-eights through to under-16s age groups.

In 1997 the football club celebrated its centenary year, the highlight of which was a celebratory dinner held at Reigate Manor Hotel at which over 150 people attended.

Many players both past and present attended along with guests from the Football Association

and Surrey County Football Association.

The club was presented with its own unique framed certificate from the Football Association to mark this occasion.

The club was once again celebrating in 1998 when Geof Thatcher was awarded a Gold Medal by the Football Association to commemorate over 50 years service to football – covering a period dating back to the war years when the club only played friendly matches as there was no competitive football during the war.

In 2001 Reigate Town FC moved to South Park and the club became known as South Park and Reigate Town FC.

In 2002 the club saw the formation of the first girl's team to play under the club's name and there are now four girl's teams.

The following year brought the introduction of the youth team, who are currently playing in the Southern Youth Floodlight League. The youth team played their home matches at Merstham FC from 2003–07 as at the time South Park did not have floodlights.

For the 2003-04 season the club reverted back to its original name of South Park FC. In February 2004 the club became only the fifth in Surrey to be awarded the status of FA Charter Standard Community Club.

In 2006 the first team were promoted to the Combined Counties Football League and while the new changing facilities were being built they played their home matches at Cranleigh.

In their first season in the Combined Counties League the team finished in seventh place. New changing rooms and the erection of floodlights was completed in 2007.

The 2008-09 season saw another landmark in



the history of the club when it hosted Shoreham in their first ever FA Vase game. In August 2010 a stand was erected which gave the club the ground grading required for the first team to gain promotion.

The 2010-11 season saw the club participate in the FA Cup for the time with an away tie against Greenwich Borough in the Extra Preliminary Round.

The first team won the Surrey Premier Cup and the Lemon Recordings Division 1 Challenge Cup in addition to being promoted to the Premier Division of the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League.

The 2011-12 season saw South Park finish in eighth position in their first season in the Premier Division. A good run in the FA Vase saw the club reach the Fourth Round where they were beaten by Whitley Bay, Vase winners for the previous three seasons.

Playing in the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time South Park beat Ryman Premier sides Kingstonian and Leatherhead before finally being knocked out in the quarter finals by Conference South side Sutton United.

Season 2012-13 saw the club reach the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup where they played Metropolitan Police in front of a record attendance of 643.

The team finished the season in fourth place in the league and reached the League Cup final.

The 2013-14 season saw South Park win the Combined Counties League Premier Division and in doing so gain promotion to the Isthmian League Division 1 South.

South Park's first season at Step 4 saw them finish in a creditable 14th position. The following season saw them improve on the previous campaign's league position, with an eighth place finish in 2016-17.

That season also saw the club reach the Second Round of the FA Trophy where they were drawn away to Tranmere Rovers.

South Park finished the 2017-18 season in 13th place in the league. They also reached the semi finals of the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time.

Malcolm Porter announced he was stepping down as manager due to business commitments at the end of that season and Mick Sullivan was appointed as manager.

However, after a poor start to the season the club accepted his resignation in mid-October and Jay Lovett was appointed manager.

South Park went into the final game of the season needing to match Molesey's result to retain their Step 4 status and they recorded a 3-2 victory to stay up.

The Sparks made a solid start to the 2019-20 season but manager Jay Lovett resigned at the beginning of November to take up a similar position at Burgess Hill.

Martin Dynan was appointed as manager and he guided the club to the quarter finals of the Surrey Senior Cup and maintained a mid-table position before the season was abruptly halted due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The 2020-21 season was curtailed after eight games due the pandemic and the 2021-22 season saw South Park sitting in mid-table in late January when Martin Dynan resigned.

The club appointed Redhill manager Harrison Williams and they went on to finish in ninth place in the league.

Ahead of the 2022-23 season the club name was amended to South Park (Reigate) FC.

Harrison Williams resigned at the end of November and assistant manager Tom Cope was appointed manager and the side matched the previous years finish of ninth place in the league.

The 2023-24 season saw South Park finish in ninth place in the league table for the third successive season, however notable firsts were achieved in two cup competitions.

In the FA Trophy they reached the Third Round for the first time, narrowly losing 1-0 away to National League North outfit Hereford. Their run included victories against Hashtag United and Bognor Regis Town.

To round off the season the club won the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time in its history, defeating Farnham Town 1-0 in the final.

The 2024-25 was a disappointing campaign for the most part, with many of the players moving on. Tom Cope moved into the role of youth section chairman and Rob Kember, formerly of Chipstead, became manager.

A strong close to the season saw the club high up in the form table and they pulled clear of the relegation zone.

Without the tireless efforts of the late Fred Dearmun, Geoff Thatcher, Ray Wilson and Geoff Arnold, to name but a few, the club would not be in the position it is today.





Our mascots for the game against Fareham were the under-nines Castles.

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The Arancione's player of the month for October was Jack Lee.

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REPORT: EGHAM VICTORY ENDS LEAGUE CUP RUN FOR ROYALS

AFC Portchester bowed out of the Velocity League Cup thanks to a 2-0 defeat at home to Egham Town.

The Royals started brightly enough and created a number of openings but after the visitors took the lead midway through the first half the evening ended in disappointment as the home side didn't look like they would find a way back into the game.

Manager Gav Spurway made seven changes to the line up which had started the game at Wimborne at the weekend, giving minutes to those in the squad who needed them and resting some players ahead of a November schedule which includes nine league fixtures.

On seven minutes a ball over the visiting defence found Zack Willett but his first touch saw the ball run away from him. A minute later he received the ball in space on the right, cut inside and beat two defenders before hitting a shot which was curling inside the far post until keeper Michael Edegbe threw himself to his right to push the ball away from goal.

On 13 minutes a throw in on the right was helped on by Spencer Spurway into the path of Harrison Brook but his shot flew narrowly wide of the post.

However, Egham scored from their first attack of the game when they won a corner. Keeper Cameron Scott made two point blank saves to keep the ball out but the home defence couldn't fully clear their lines and Jordi Ebanda eventually fired home the loose ball from ten yards out.

The Royals looked to get back on level terms on 38 minutes when the ball was fed to Spurway but his low shot lacked the power to trouble Edegbe who gathered the ball easily.

Five minutes later a ball down the left wasn't cleared by the home defence and that allowed Deago Dunbar-Bonnie to fire off a low shot but that went straight through to Scott.

Both sides traded chances at the start of the second half as Portchester tried to find a way back into the game and Egham looked to put the match beyond their reach.

On 53 minutes a throw in from the left was knocked down to Luke Heneghan but he got no real power behind his shot and Scott



easily saved it.

Three minutes later play down the right saw the ball worked up to Spurway, who went past two defenders as he made his way into the penalty area. He then chipped his shot past Edegbe but it bounced back off the far post before being hacked away to safety.

Egham doubled their lead on 61 minutes from another corner that the home side failed to clear. The ball dropped to the far post and Excellence Muhemba converted his shot from five yards out.

The Royals did have the ball in the net two minutes later when Spurway's swerving shot was saved by Edegbe but Connor Duffin was ruled to have been in an offside position when he tucked home the re-bound.

On 69 minutes substitute Josh Clack had the chance to shoot following a break down the left but his rising effort from 15 yards out was well held by Edegbe.

A minute later a quick break down the other end of the pitch saw the ball played into the near post where Muhemba tried to back heel it into the net but Scott made the block at point blank range.





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LADIES FIRST TEAM— FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RES	SCORERS
Aug 31	H	Winchester City Flyers	League	3-2W	Butterworth, Bradbury, Barron-Clark
Sept 7	Α	Badshot Lea	League	3-0W	Aitken (2), Hillier
Sept 14	Н	Beaconsfield Town	League	1-2L	Adaway
Sept 21	Α	Havant & Waterlooville	FA Cup	3-2W	True (2), Bradbury
Oct 5	Н	Weymouth	FA Cup	19-0W	Bath (6), Butterworth (4), Adaway (2), Hillier (2), True (2), Bradbury, Potvin
Oct 12	Н	Oxford City	League	2-2D	Adaway, Bradbury
Oct 19	Α	Southampton Women	League	2-2D	Nightingale, Bath
Oct 26	Н	Gloucester City	FA Cup	6-2W	Bath (3), Butterworth (2), Bell
Nov 2	Α	Badshot Lea	LC	4-0W	Bell, True, Morgan, Aitken
Nov 5	Н	Dulwich Hamlet	Isth Cup	2-0W	True, Hillier
Nov 9	Н	Sholing	League	2-1W	Bell, True
Nov 12	Н	Three Bridges	CC Cup	7-0W	True (3), Aitken (2), Morgan, Riley
Nov 16	Α	Fleet Town	League	4-2W	Butterworth (2), Bath, True
Nov 23	Н	Worthing	FA Cup		
Nov 30	Α	Southampton Women	LC		
Dec 7	Н	Badshot Lea	League		

LEAGUE TABLE

SOUTHERN R	EGIC				EAGU	IE -
Pr	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD
Wycombe Wnds	5	5	0	0	15	+23
Beaconsfield Tn	8	5	0	3	15	+5
Sthampton Wom	8	4	2	2	14	+8
THE ROYALS	7	4	2	1	14	+6
Win City Flyers	6	4	0	2	12	+11
Fleet Town	8	3	1	4	10	-8
Reading Com Tst	4	3	0	1	9	+5
Oxford City	5	1	3	1	6	-2
Sholing	9	2	0	7	6	-4
Woodley United	4	0	1	3	1	-17
Badshot Lea	8	0	1	7	1	-27

GOALSCORERS

PLAYER	GOALS
BECKI BATH	11
CHARMAINETRUE	11
SARAH BUTTERWORTH	9
LAUREN AITKEN	5
MIA ADAWAY	4
MILLIE BRADBURY	4
GEMMA HILLIER	4
SOPHIE BELL	3
LAYLA MORGAN	2
BETTY BARRON-CLARK	1
LUCY NIGHTINGALE	1
LAURIE POTVIN	1
AMELIA RILEY	1

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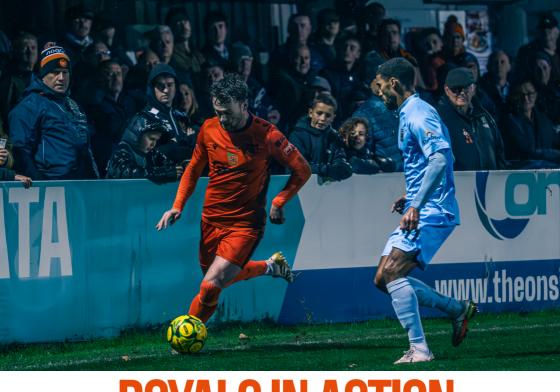


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LADIES RESERVES TEAM— FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS
Sept 7	Н	Mudeford Phoenix
Sept 14	Α	Win City Flyers Res
Sept 21	Н	AFC Stoneham Dev
Oct 5	Α	Basingstoke Town
Oct 12	Н	Millbrook
Nov 2	Α	Mudeford Phoenix
Nov 9	Н	Shanklin
Nov 16	Α	Gosport Borough
Nov 23	Α	Gosport Borough
Nov 30	Н	Basingstoke Town
Dec 7	Α	Mudeford Phoenix
Dec 14	Н	Win City Flyers Res

COMP RES League 4-0W League 5-1W League 3-1W League 1-1D LC 3-2W League 6-2W INV Cup 2-1W League League League

League

SCORERS
Keenan (2), Crewe, Niven
Ambler (3), Williams (2), West
Hall-Guy (2), Stoddart (2), Williams
Hall-Guy, Taylor, Ambler
Palmer
Niven, Taylor, Allen
Currie (4), Ambler, Hall-Guy
Ambler (2)

LEAGUE TABLE

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	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD
THE ROYALS	7	6	1	0	19	+18
Basingstoke Tn	6	3	1	2	10	+3
Shanklin	4	3	0	1	9	+3
Win City Flyr Res	7	2	3	2	9	-4
Mudeford Phnx	5	2	2	1	8	0
US Portsmouth	4	1	2	1	5	+1
Gosport Borough	6	1	2	3	5	-2
Millbrook	3	1	1	1	4	+2
AFC Totton	5	0	1	4	1	-7
AFC Stnham Dev	5	0	1	4	1	-14

PLAYER	GOALS
KALLY AMBLER	7
EILIDH CURRIE	4
AIMEE HALL-GUY	4
ELINOR WILLIAMS	3
CHARLOTTE KEENAN	2
STACY NIVEN	2
MOLLY STODDART	2
PAULA TAYLOR	2
HOLLY ALLEN	1
LYNSEY CREWE	1
EIRA PALMER	1
LILY-ELLA WEST	1



LADIES DEVELOPMENT— FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RES	SCORERS
Sept 7	Α	Farnborough Dev	League	2-4L	Levett, Moore
Sept 14	Н	Sholing Dev	League	1-3L	Levett
Sept 21	Α	Overton	League	5-0W	Gillam (3), Cleeve, Baillie
Sept 28	Α	Cowplain	League	1-1D	Moffat
Oct 5	Н	Petersfield Town	League	1-6D	Barrow
Oct 12	Н	Gosport Borough Res	Jnr Cup	8-0W	Levett (4), Moffat (2), Moore, Holloway
Oct 19	Α	Sherfield English	HFA Trophy	7-0W	Levett (3), Gillam (2), Baillie, Holloway
Oct 26	Α	Denmead	PJnr Cup	0-1L	
Nov 9	Н	Denmead	League	2-2D	Cleeve, Baillie
Nov 16	Н	Overton	Jnr Cup	3-1W	Levett (2), Barrow
Nov 23	Α	Clanfield	League		
Nov 30	Α	Denmead	League		
Dec 7	Н	Overton	League		
Dec 14	Α	Rushmoor Comm Res	League		

LEAGUE TABLE

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY WOMEN'S LEAGUE - DIVISION 4

	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD
Petersfield Town	7	7	0	0	21	+23
Sholing Dev	6	5	0	1	15	+21
Denmead	6	4	1	1	13	0
Farnborough Dev	6	3	0	3	9	+1
Cowplain	5	2	1	2	7	-5
Clanfield	6	2	0	4	6	-3
Rushmr Com Res	8	2	0	6	6	-11
THE ROYALS	6	1	2	3	5	-4
Overton	6	0	0	6	0	-22

PLAYER	GOALS
ASHLEIGH LEVETT	11
AMY GILLAM	5
TESSA BAILLIE	3
HANNAH MOFFAT	3
AMELIA BARROW	2
ROSIE CLEEVE	2
ROBYN HOLLOWAY	2
SHANIA MOORE	2



MEN'S RESERVES TEAM — **FIXTURES AND RESULTS**

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS
Sept 6	Α	Ringwood Town
Sept 13	Н	Petersfield Town
Sept 20	Н	Millbrook
Sept 27	Α	Meon Milton
Oct 4	Α	Laverstock and Ford
Oct 11	Н	Brockenhurst
Oct 25	Н	Hythe and Dibden
Nov 1	Α	Twentyten
Nov 15	Н	Ringwood Town
Nov 22	Н	AFC Stoneham
Nov 26	Н	North Waltham U-23
Nov 29	Α	US Portsmouth
Dec 6	Α	Clanfield
Dec 13	Α	Brockenhurst

COMP	RES
League	0-3L
League	3-2W
League	0-7L
Lge Cup	2-5L
League	1-9L
League	1-3L
JS Shield	8-3W
Sat Trophy	0-3L
League	2-1W
League	
JS Shield	
League	
League	

League

SCORERS
Tiller (2), Lambe
Davis, Luckins McKenna Deane Lambe (4), Kaba (2), Poulton, Tiller
Lambe (2)

LEAGUE TABLE

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE - PREMIER DIVISION PLD W D PNT GD Petersfield Town +5 +13 **US Portsmouth** Laverstock & Ford +8 **Brockenhurst** +5 AFC Stoneham +12 Ringwood Town +2 Millbrook THE ROYALS -18 Downton -5 Clanfield \cap -22

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION AND

PLAYER	GOALS
DANIEL LAMBE	7
STANLEY TILLER	3
JARELL KABA	2
TOBY DAVIS	1
MATTHEW DEANE	1
SEAN LUCKINS	1
CEDRIC MCKENNA	1
DEXTER POULTON	1



MEN'S VETERANS TEAM— FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE Sept 7	H/A A	OPPONENTS Barnham Trojans	COMP League	RES 0-5L	SCORERS
Sept 21	Н	Denmead	League	2-3L	Bichard, Clark
Sept 28	Α	Gosport Borough Yth	League	2-3L	Bichard, Harding
Oct 5	Н	Sandhurst Social	Hants Cup	•	Barletta, Smith, Wainwright
Oct 12	Н	Waterlooville Social	League	win pens) 0-4L	
Nov 2	Н	Fleur De Lys Yth	Hants Cup	3-2W	Butcher, Barletta, New
Nov 16	Н	Barnham Trojans	Vets Cup	2-7L	Clark, Bird
Nov 23	Н	Friends Fighting Cncr	League		
Nov 30	Н	Barnham Trojans	League		
Dec 7	Н	Hambledon	Vets Cup		
Dec 14	Α	Denmead	League		
Jan 11	Н	Gosport Borough Yth	League		
Jan 25	Α	Waterlooville Social	League		
Feb 8	Α	Fleur De Lys Yth	League		
Feb 15	Н	Havant & Waterlylle Yth	League		
Feb 22	Α	Friends Fighting Cncr	League		
Mar 1	Н	Fleur De Lys Yth	League		
Mar 22	Α	Havant & Waterlylle Yth	League		

LEAGUE TABLE

MEON VALLEY SUNDAY LEAGUE -								
VETERANS DIVISION 1								
	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD		
Gosport Boro Yth	6	5	0	1	15	+12		
Barnham Trojans	5	3	1	1	10	+10		
Friends Fight Can	3	2	1	0	7	+16		
Hav & Wvle Yth PL	4	2	0	2	6	-5		
Waterlooville Soc	5	2	0	3	6	-7		
Fleur De Lys Yth	4	1	1	2	4	-4		
Denmead	5	1	1	3	4	-11		
THE ROYALS	4	0	0	4	0	-11		

PLAYER	GOALS
ALEX MARULLI DE BARLETTA	2
SAM BICHARD	2
IAN CLARK	2
MARC BIRD	1
WILLIAM BUTCHER	1
WAYNE HARDING	1
DANIEL NEW	1
PAUL SMITH	1
MATTHEW WAINWRIGHT	1



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